

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 3, 2004, has been reviewed, and in view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify an antecedent basis issue. No new matter is added with this amendment.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-3 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,697,808 to Hurwood et al., commonly assigned to MicroStrategy, Inc. with the present application.

In response to these rejections, applicants are submitting herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 signed by all named inventors of the above-referenced application attesting to their invention prior to the June 19, 2004 filing date of the '808 Patent. The inventors' Declaration is supported by a draft patent application, the date of which is validated by the undersigned via a declaration. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) is believed to be overcome and notification as such is anticipated.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that prosecution and allowance of the application will be expedited through an interview, whether personal or telephonic, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with any suggestions leading to the favorable disposition of the application.

It is believed that no additional fees are due for filing this Response. However, the Director is hereby authorized to treat any current or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Applicants also authorize the Director to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or all required extension of time fees, to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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